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SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY

FILE NUMBER: 92-2831 SECTION 1

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-632, Subfile D)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM

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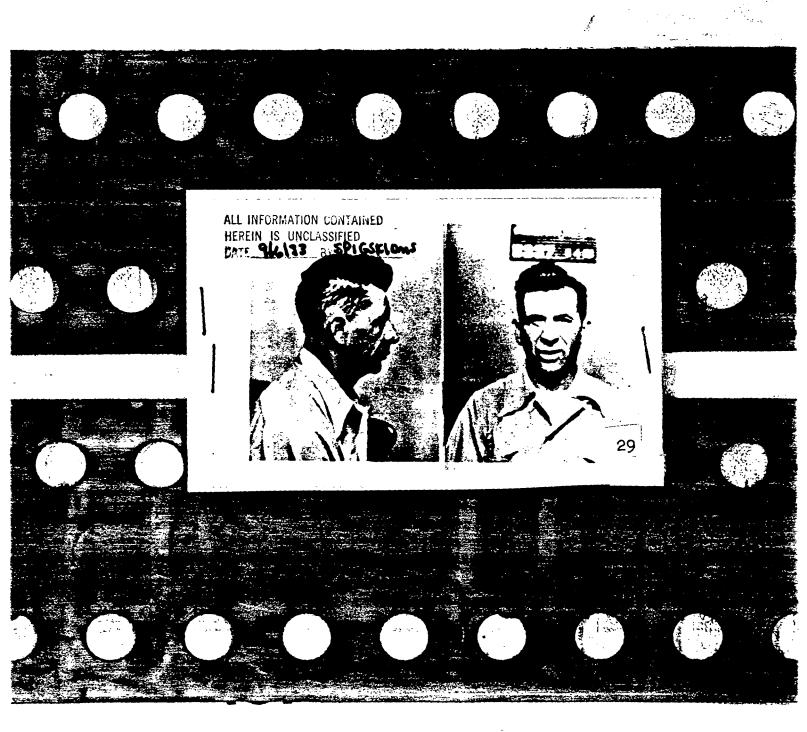
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Morris/Lieberman
Race: White, Male
DOB: 1/4/02, Grodno, Russia
Height: 5'42" - 5'5"
Build: Small
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Residence: St. Moritz Hotel, New York City
FBI # 791783

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DIRECTOR. FBI

DATE:

1/15/58

SAC. NEW YORK (92-660)

SUBJECT:

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An airtel has been directed to other appropriate divisions requesting they advise NYO if

It is noted that subject has been spending a considerable amount of his time in Cuba and Florida. As of 11/1/57 he listed his new residence as Miami, Fla. Previous to this he last stayed in NYC during the middle of October, 1957 at the Hotel St. Moritz.

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During this investigation opportunities for the will be explored to the utmost as they arise.

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Mr. Rosen

DATE:2/3/58

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MEYER LANSKY, was. ANTI-RACKETEERING TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM

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Meyer Lansky, FBI No. 791783, was born 7/4/02,

Grodno. Poland.

Lansky reputed to be one of top hoodlums in country and held such position since prohibition days. Has been closely associated with other notorious hoodlums, such as late Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, Charlie "Lucky" Luciano, Joe Adonis, Abner "Longie" Zwillman, the late Charles Fischetti, Santo Trafficante, and others. He has been connected with numerous so-called legitimate enterprises.

Lansky now spending most of time in Havana, Cuba, where he has interests in gambling enterprises concerning which the extent of his holdings have been variable. been connected with race track and gambling casino operations in Havana since at least 1938. He may have considerable political influence as indicated by fact was able to obtain appointment for son, Paul, to U.S. military academy.

In view of fact Lansky is alleged to have participated in or ordered killing of several other hoodlums in past, he should always be considered as possibly armed and dangerous.

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ADDENDUM 3/18/58 im DATED 2/27/58. 57C

Active investigation by New York has resulted in establishing considerable background information concerning activities of Lansky commencing in approximately 1920 and continuing to date. Subject's denaturalization case has been postponed until April, 1958. Subject spent Christmas, 1957, in New York City with his son, Army Lieutenant Paul Lansky.

Subject continuing to reside in Cuba and is continuing his interest in gambling activities in that country. He was hospitalized in New York City in December. 1957.

Subject detained by New York City Police Department on 2/11/58 for questioning in connection with the murder of Albert Anastasia. One copy of report forwarded to Legat, Havana.

Addendum to Price to Rosen memo dated 2/3/58.

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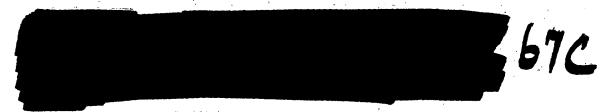
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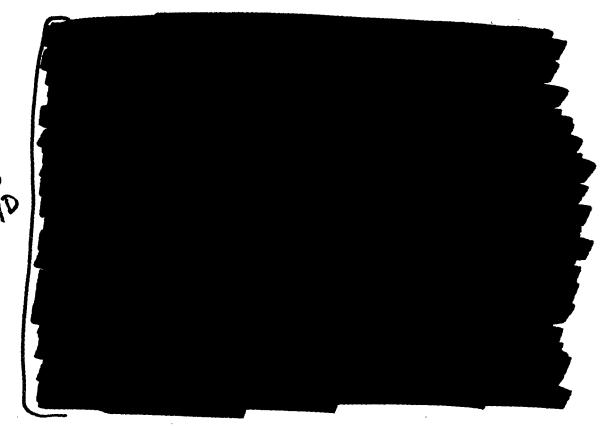


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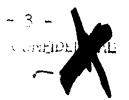
MEYER LANSKY was born on July 4, 1902, at Grodno, Poland, according to the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and arrived in the United States on April 4, 1911. He was naturalized on September 27, 1928, in the Eastern District of New York, and is presently a United States citizen although the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York is still attempting to deport him.







The "New York Times" for August 16, 1951, carried a news item wherein Representative ARTHUR G. KLEIN from the House of Representatives and representing New York City, admitted that he obtained a West Point appointment for PAUL LANSKY, son of MEYER LANSKY. The article reflected that KLEIN stated he got the appointment for PAUL LANSKY in 1949, and that he had been informed that LANSKY had been making excellent grades in West Point.

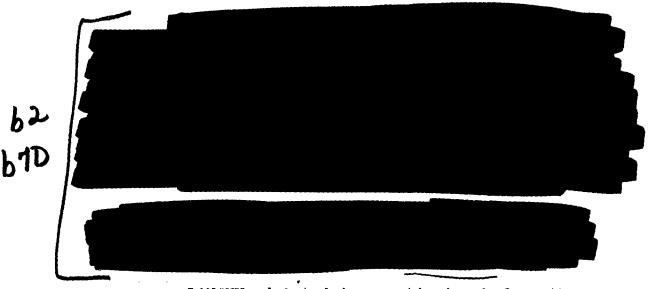




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LANSKY also has a son, BENJAMIN, also known as "Buddy", who is approximately 28 years old and a daughter, SANDRA, age about 20, who is married to MARVIN RAPOPORT, co-owner of the Spindletop Restaurant.

DOROTHY KILGALLEN, in the "New York Journal American" for January 11, 1957, in reporting the above, advised that SANDRA was then separated from her husband.



LANSKY admitted in questioning before the socalled Kefauver Committee that he had only an eighth grade education.



D. CRIMINAL RECORD

Federal Bureau of Investigation Number 791 783

Contributor of Fingerprints	and	Arrested . or Received	Charge	Disposition
Police Department New York New York	Meyer Lansk #B-70258	y January. 6,1929	Drugs 1752 Penal Law	Judge Drodsky Discharged 7th District Court
United States Customs Agent New York New York	Morris Lieberman #	November 23, 1931	violatio Tariff A 1930 and National Prohibit Act	hearing
State Police Troy New York	Meyor Lan s k; #9852	y September 10,1952	conspira common .gambler, forgery third	released
Police Department New York City, New York	Morris Lie	oerman Novem 23,193	•	tead

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Sheriff's Office Ballston Spa	Meyer Lar sky #5337	May 2, 1953	conspiracy common gambling	3 months fine of \$500. 5 cts total \$2500



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The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and the Bureau of Special Services of the New York City Police Department were reviewed, and it was learned that all records prior to June of 1936, have been destroyed by that Department for records other than fingerprint cards and the bare records of the arrest as set forth in the aforementioned criminal record.

The records of the New York State Division of Parole, 320 Broadway. New York City, were reviewed by on December 12, 1956, and he advised there is no record of LANSKY in those files.









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As a result of testimeny given at public hearings of the so-called Kefauver Committee in Miami during May and July of 1950, Sheriff WALTER CLARK of Broward County, Florida, was removed from office by Governor FULLER WARREN and his successor was AMOS HALL. As a result of these hearings, the grand jury for that county undertook an investigation of gambling activities and indicted 22 persons for violation of the statute.

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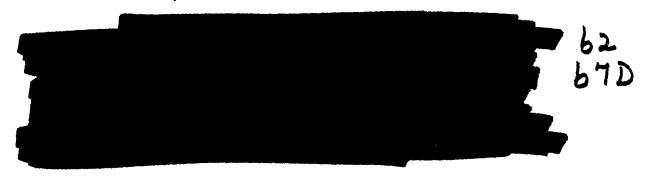




The Grand Jury found that the Colonial Inn was the largest and most successful gambling casino that Broward County has ever had and in scope of operation it is said to compare with or exceed any gambling establishment known. The club was operated by the same LANSKY group which has also operated Club Green Acres with a few additions. Principal new partners in the current operation were MERT WERTHEIMER and RUBY MATHIS, of Detroit, HENRY RENO, of the "Miami Herald," has listed the principal new partners of this operation as FRANK COSTELLO, JOE ADOMIS, FRANK ERICKSON, JACK and MEYER LANSKY, DUGS SIEGEL, JOE MASSEY, LEFTY CLACK, MERT WERTHEIMER, WILLIE MORETTI, and a man named DERNSTEIN from Detroit. One BURT BRIGGS and other lesser employees have claimed an interest in this place

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LANSKY and WERTHEIMER were the actual operators of the club. An elaborate floor show was presented which WERTHEIMER alleged cost \$40,000.00 to costume and which featured such stars as HARRY RICHMAN, BERT WHEELER, JANE FROMAN, JOE E. LEWIS, CARMEN MIRANDA, and XAVIER CUGAT.









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The New York "World Telegram" of February 17, 1953, under a Ballston Spa dateline, carried an article, announcing that the Russian-born MEYER LAMSKY, big-time gambler, former bootlegger and associate of deported vice czar, CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO, pleaded guilty in Supreme Court to five misdemennor charges of conspiracy and gambling.

At the time of his arrest, the associates indicted with him were JOSEPH STACHER, alias DOC STACHER; JAMES LYNCH, alias PICTY; HERMAN WEINER, GEORGE BROWN, CHARLES MANNEY, and JOHN COAKLEY. LANSKY'S attorney, MOSES FOLAKOFF, surrendered LANSKY to the New York State Police on September 10, 1952, and February 18, 1953.

LANSKY pleaded guilty to five counts, all of which were misdemeanors, on May 2, 1953, he was sentenced to serve 40 days in the Saratoga County Jail and fined \$2,500. He was also placed on three years probation. During his incarceration, he was treated for a kidney infection in the Saratoga Hospital in July, 1953.









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On October 12, 1950, LANSKY appeared before the Senate Crime Investigation Sub-Committee, accompanied by his counsel MOSES POLAKOFF. He admitted associating with FRANK COSTELLO, JOE ADONIS, FRANK ERICKSON, and CHARLES FISCHETTI, but refused to elaborate on this association. He admitted travelling to Italy in 1949, but refused to admit whether or not he had contacted LUXY LUCIANO.

On September 15, 1952, DREW PEARSON in his syndicated column stated that FRANK COSTELLO had not been deported because he had friends in high places. He stated that COSTELLO'S lobbying tactics included the entertaining of Congressmen at various dinners and parties, and that MURRAY OLF, a former prison mate of GREASY JAKE GUZIK occupied a suita at the Congressmen. In addition the held court for Congressmen. In addition the nations top mobsters were alleged to use his apartment overnight and LANSKY utilized the hotel garage and charged his bill to OLF'S account.

The "New York Daily News" for December 2, 1954, reflected that LANSKY was with ADNER "LONGY" ZWILLMAN, EDDIE MC GRATH, ALDERT ANASTASIA, CORNELIUS "CONNIE" NOONAN, and others at the Riviera Motel in Fort Lee, New Jersey, to discuss current problems along the New York, New Jersey waterfront.

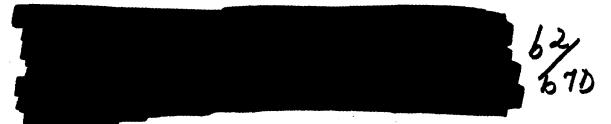




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1. Gambling

Senate Crime Investigating Committee. He testified that he had conducted an investigation of gambling places in Saratoga, New York, in 1947, and found that gambling was "wide open." He added that he had submitted a report concerning these conditions to his superiors. However, the report was not discussed with him afterward.

He then described some of the gambling equipment and gambling places in Saratoga. He described the Piping Rock Club, as one of the "plush places" which could not be patronized by the ordinary individual who desired to gamble.

He admitted that he had heard from various sources that MEYER LANSKY had an interest in the Piping Rock Club, but denied that he had ever heard that COSTELLO had any interest in the club. He also stated that he had heard through confidential sources that in 1947 JOE ADONIS and MEYER LANSKY did have interests in the Arrowhead Inn.



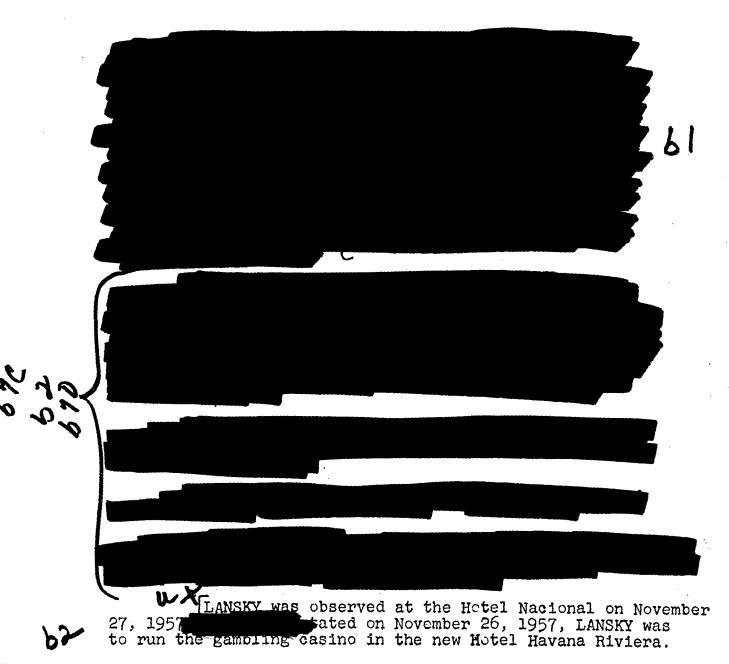


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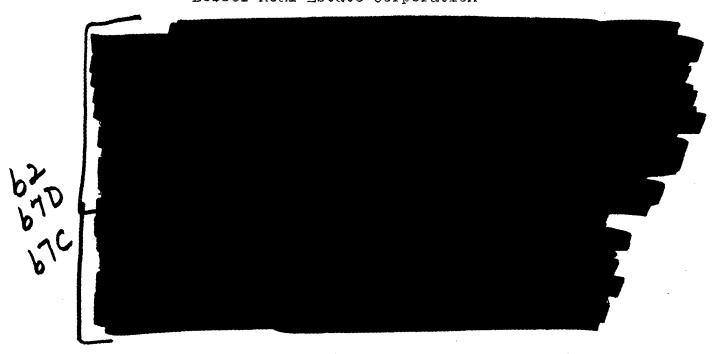
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E. LEGITIMATE ENTERRISES

Over the past 25 years, LANSKY has been accused of or has admitted connections with the following businesses, many of which are not now in existence and have not been in existence for a number of years:

Emby Distributing Company
Consolidated Television
Krieg, Spector and Citron
Dodge Park Kennel Club
Manhattan Simplex Distributing Company
Kings County Buick
Lansky Food Company
Colonial Inn
Thunderbird Hotel
Arrowhead Inn
La Beheme
Green Acres
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F. Places of Amusement or Hangouts Frequented

Hotel Nacional, Havana, Cuba Casino International, Havana, Cuba Montmarte Night Club, Havana, Cuba Maxims Restaurant, Surfside, Florida Post and Paddock Room, Bay Harbor Hotel, Miami, Florida Tuscanny Motel, Hollywood Beach, Florida

G. Travel

LANSKY has travelled extensively for the past 30 years in the Miami, Florida, Havana, Cuba, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Las Vegas, Nevada, and New York circuit. He left New York on November 1, 1957, for the Colonial Hotel in Miami, Florida, and listed that place as his new residence as of November 1, 1957.

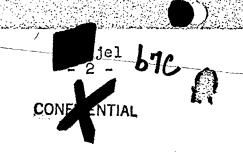
H. Personal Habits and Peculiarities

LANSKY is reportedly a good family man and remains friendly with his ex-wife and closely associates with his brother, JAKE LANSKY, in Florida. He is never seen with women other than his wife or close relatives and frequents night spots only in the Havana, Cuba, and Miami, Florida, areas.

I. Physical Description and Photograph

A recent photograph of LANSKY is presently in the possession of the New York Office.

A physical description obtained from interrogation and observation follows:



Name Aliases

Date of Birth Place of Birth

Height Weight Build Hair

Eyes Complexion Address

Dress

Social Security

Number

Brother

FEI Number

Marital Status

MEYER LANSKY

MEYER THE BUG, MORRIS LIEBERMAN,

BUGSY MEYER, BUGSY MEYERS, "THE BUG", LITTLE MEYER
July 4, 1902

Grodno, Russia 514를" - 5"

145 pounds

Small Brown Brown Dark

Colonial Hotel Miami, Florida

Clothes expensive, neat

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Wife-TEDDY (THELMA) SCHWARTZ

LANSKY

Former wife - ANN LANSKY

Children - "BUDDIE" LANSKY, son

PAUL LANSKY, son

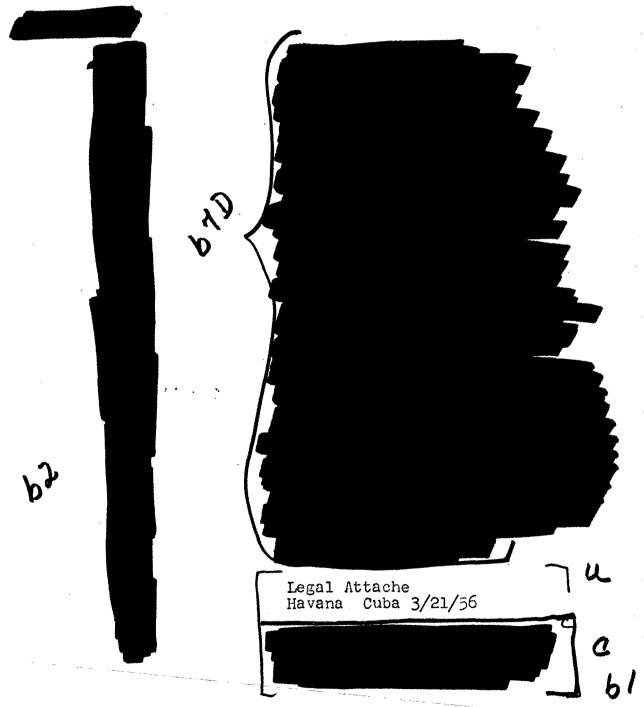
SANDRA LANSKY, daughter

JACK LANSKY

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LITTLE ROCK

At Little Rock, Arkansas

Will review files and conduct any appropriate investigation necessary to ascertain if LANSKY is presently active in gambling and/or other activities in that area and report any material they have in their files concerning LANSKY.

MIAMI

At Miami, Florida

1. Will conduct appropriate investigation to cover LANSKY'S activity in that area and endeavor to ascertain if LANSKY has become a permanent resident in that area as reported to the NYO by

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2. Will identify all of LANSKY'S associates in that area and submit suitable memo reflecting results of

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SALT LAKE CITY

At Las Vegas, Nevada

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning LANSKY'S present activities and ascertain whether he is tied-up in gambling activities and/or other activities in that area.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will review the records of the State Department and its Passport Office for all of LANSKY'S trips out of the country.

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LEADS CONT'D

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

- 1. Will review INS file for any current information re subject.
- 2. Will contact Central Intelligence Bureau re any information they have concerning LANSKY.
 - 3. Will attempt to

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4. Will determine if subject retains any connections in NY area or if his principal interests have been shifted to Miami and Havana, Cuba, area.

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SAC, New York

Birector, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

anti – racketkering TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 916183 BY SPIGSKIONS

dated at New York 12/26/58, Rerep of SA and Bulets to New York dated 11/27/57 and 1/15/58.

Bulet of 1/15/58 points out common deficiencies in reports submitted in this program, Many of these deficiencies are present in this report, and in future reporting, this situation should be rectified. Under appropriate captions, suggestions are being made following a review of rerep.

PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Information in rerep regarding the immigration to this country of Lansky and his family was obtained from the INS file. All of this information should be verified and complete details obtained. Verification should be obtained from an actual examination of the entry and court records of each step of the naturalization

CRIMINAL RECORD

It is noted that rerep sets forth items contained in local law enforcement agency records concerning Lansky which do not appear in the FBI identification record. All such items should be submitted to the Identification Division so that the records there on this top hoodlum will be complete.

CY.135 REG. 24 92-2831-Numerous so-called legitimate enterprises which Lansky has been engaged in the past are set forth in groups a Records and persons connected with these enterprises may form the basis for investigation which will lead to present and past illegal activities on the part of Lansky. As you are aware, successful hoodlums, such as Lansky, earry on their associations as clandestinely as possible Tolson and conduct all of their illegal activities in a surreptitious Nichmanner. Therefore roit is often necessary to begin a probative type Board investigation from a Starting point which at first glance appears Mohr to be remote, both as to time and place. An example of the value

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Letter to New York Re: Meyer Lansky, was,

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Because of the great notoriety and obvious stature of Lansky in the field of top hoodlums, every effort should be made and no lead overlooked in developing information and possible evidence against him in actual violations of law,

INFORMANTS

The great notoriety of Lansky will present handicaps in active investigation of his activities. These handicaps highlight the desirability and necessity of

The fact that Lansky ourrently is out of your territory should not deter you from conducting a continuous, assiduous and imaginative investigation into his background and activities. So much of his background and past operations are centered in the New York area, it is incumbent upon you personally to see that this case is given top priority.

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The file reflected that LANSKY applied for a Passport on June 10, 1949 in New York City, New York, and was issued Passport Number 104123, on June 15, 1949. He indicated he wanted to depart from New York City on June for a two months' pleasure trip to Italy, France, Switzerland, and Belgium. LANSKY indicated his date of birth was July 4, 1902 at Grodno, Poland. He came to the United States on April 11, 1908 and lived from then until 1949 in New York City. He indicated that on September 27. 1928, he became a United States citizen receiving Certificate of Naturalization Number 2517814. His permanetresidence was 40 Central Park South, New York City; The application reflected that LANSKY's father was MAX LANSKY who was born in Grodno, Poland and was deceased. The subject's mother was YETTA LANSKY also born in Grodno, Poland, in 1880 and who was residing at 240 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. The mother was a United States citizen according to the application.

LANSKY's application also indicated on December 16, 1948, he was married to THELMA SHEER SCHWARTZ who was born in New York City on November 18, 1907. The wife was residing with the subject and she was the identifying witness on the application and indicated she had known the subject for three years.

The file reflected a clipping of the New York Sun" newspaper of June 28, 1949, which reflected a picture of MEYER LANSKY and the article was captioned, "LANSKY Sails in Luxury for Italy; Expected to Confer with LUCIANO."

The Passport file contained another application for a Passport which the subject submitted on June 0,¢ 1956, at Niami, Florida and for which he was issued Passport Number 135541 on July 10, 1956. This Passport was good for three months due to a suit which was pending and which was in connection with the cancellation of his naturalization.

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On the application LANSKY indicated that he came to the United States in 1910 and lived from 1910 until 1956 in New York City, Boston, Massachusetts, and Hollywood, Florida. His permanent residence was 3800 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Florida. LANSKY indicated that he wanted to depart from Miami, Florida, on July 20, 1956, for a trip that was to last from one month to six weeks and was for the purpose of sightseeing in Brazel, Argentina, Venezuela, and Chile. He indicated that his mother was still living at 240 Ocean Parkway, New York City. On the application, LANSKY indicated that on December 16, 1948, He was married to THELMA SCHEER. He indicated that she lived with the subject.

LANSKY indicated on his 1949 application for a Passport that he had lived in Cuba from December 1938 until March, 1939 and again from December, 1939, until March, claimed that he had no previous Passport at that time: On the 1956 application, LANSKY indicated that he had made eight trips abroad in the preceding twelve months, however, the file contained no information as to where he had been while he was bnethose trips.

The 1956 application reflected LANSKY was 5.6 tall, with brown hair and The eyes. He had a scar on the right side of his face. He listed his occupation as executive. The file contained a photograph on the 1956 application.

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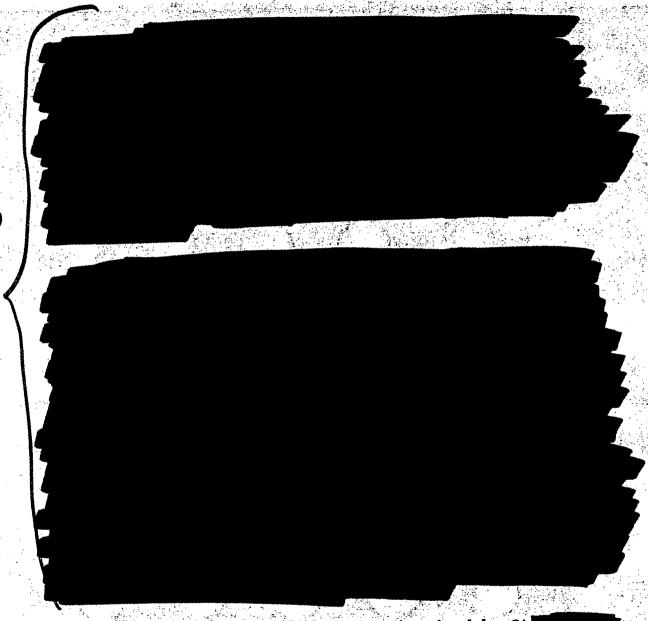


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Spot surveillances were maintained by SA at JACK LANSKY' residence and at the Tuscanny Motel, January 18, 19, 21, 22, 1958, and no unusual activity was noted.

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Office Memorandum • United States Government DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: February 5, 1958 TO FROM AMD (92-102) MEYER LANSKY, was. ANTI-RACKETEERING (00: NEW YORK) Enclosed herewith are two copies of the report dated February 5, 1958, at Miami, of SA Florida. ADMINISTRATIVE **LEADS** MIAMI ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED 916/83 BYSPIGSKI OMS AT FT. LAUDERDALE, Will, through the Broward Court of Records, determine the property holdings and financial interest of MEYER LANSKY in the Broward County, Florida area. AT HOLLYWOOD, FLA Will maintain contact regarding MEYER LANSKY's activities in the Hollywood area. 670 AT MIAMI, FLA. (1) Will identify 2 - Bureau (Encos. REC- 17 2 - New York (\$2-660) (Encls. 2) 2 - Miami 🤝 🙈 Efc. EX-135 म्हर है।। उन हिंद of Westrand Play Plange 12 150

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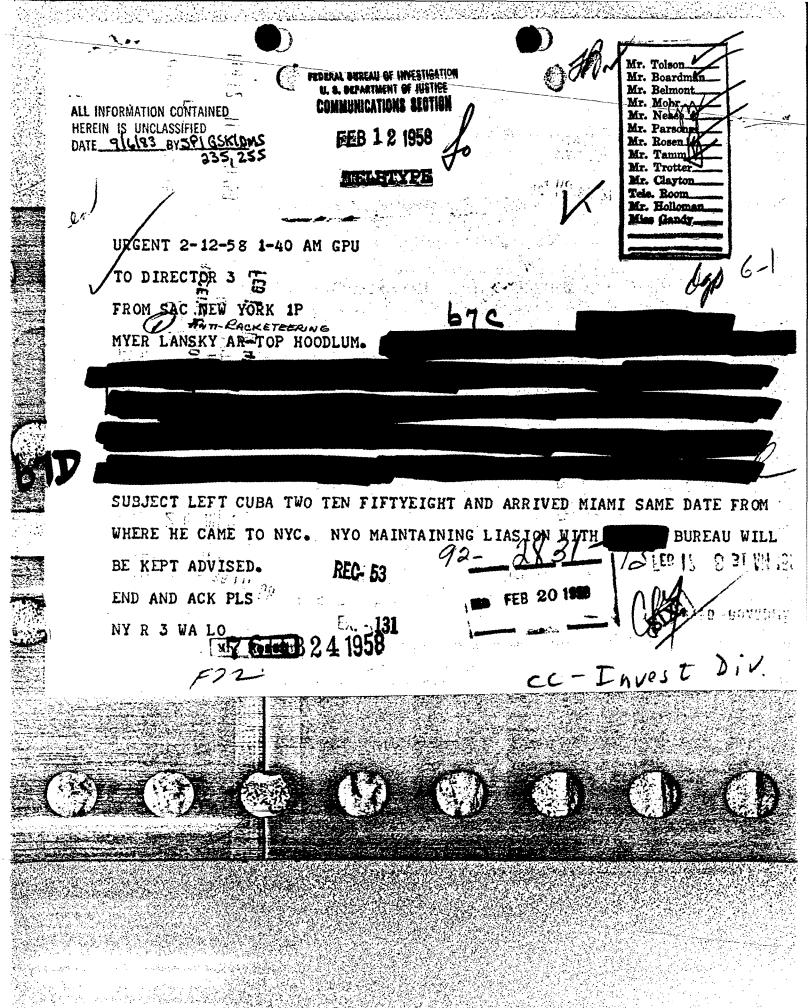
(2) Will, at the Colonial Hotel, Miami, Florida, determine if MEYER LANSKY maintains permanent residence. It is noted LANSKY as of November 1, 1957, listed the Colonial Hotel as his residence according to referenced report.

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MYER LANSKY, AR. RENYTEL THIS DATE ADVISING LANSKY IN POLICE CUSTODY,

MAGISTRATE P. HORN, NYC COURT, TO BE ARRAIGNED ON CHARGE OF VAGRANCY.

SUBJECT WAS RELEASED ON ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BAIL AND IS DUE TO APPEAR

FOR HEARING ON FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN NEXT.

SUBJECT, IN INTERVIEW

Mr. Boardman Mr. Belmont

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ADMITS KNOWING GEORGE RAFT, BUT STATED HE WOULD NEVER HIRE HIM IN CUBA BECAUSE OF THE RECENT "STUPID ARTICLE" WRITTEN BY RAFT FOR THE "SATURDAY EVENING POST." SUBJECT ADMITTED KNOWING SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., AND CHARLES TOURINE BUT REFUSED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION CONCERN HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS. ADVISED SUBJECT, IN INTERVIEW MADE THE STATEMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA IS EXERTING PRESSURE ON THE GAMBLING ELEMENT IN CUBA BECAUSE OF THE FBI-S INTEREST IN GAMBLING ACTIVITIES IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA. SUBJECT DIB NOT FX. 116

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DETAILS: The title of this case has been marked "CHANGED" to add the names of MEYER SUCHOWLTANSKY and JOHNNY EGGS, under which names subject has been known.

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

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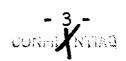
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2. Education

Records of another governmental agency bar maintaining personnel-type records, reflect that the subject advised that he completed eight years of grammer school and was graduated. The school was not identified.

The subject was examined under oath on December 10, 1953, in the United States Attorney's Cille, Southern District of New York, New York City, by Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) ROBERT W. SWEET, in the presence of MOSES POLAKOFF, Attorney for the subject. This examination was conducted in connection with the denaturalization proceedings then pending against the subject. Hereafter in this report,





information attributed to this examination, will be referred to as the examination by AUSA SWEET in 1953.

In the above examination, the subject stated that he graduated from Public School 34 in the lower east side of Manhattan in 1916 or 1917. He attended this school under the name of MEYER LANSKY.

3. Employment

(a.)Current

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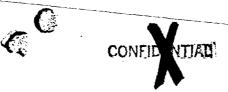
The subject's other interest in various business will be set forth later in this report under the caption, "Legitimate Enterprises."

(b.)Previous

Subject, in examination in 1953 by AUSA SWEET, advised he may have been employed part-time as a grocery errand boy for some grocery store on the lawer east side of New York prior to his graduating from grammer school. His first job was with the D. and L. Tool Company, as an apprentice machinist. This company was first located on Centre Street near Canal Street, which was then about 1917 until 1922 or 1923. The company employed about eight to ten persons. The only other employee he recalls was his supervisor, MAX LANSKY, who was also the subject's cousin. This company later moved from this location when World War I began and became a larger concern. He did not know the address to which they moved but it was located somewhere around Grennwich Street.

The subject related that after the war, he must have been "let go" because the die and tool business fell





off. He later then worked in several other places as a machinist, but he does not recall these concerns names. He did recall that he later worked for the Sullivan Shipyards and the R. Hoe and Company. He did not recall when he worked for these two organizations but he worked for the R. Hoe and Company just before they left Manhattan.

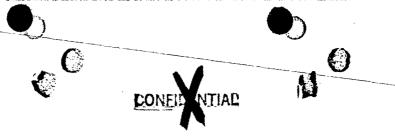
The subject stated that sometime prior to his marriage, he was working in Brooklyn, New York, in the building trades, "down in the new sections of Brooklyn." He did not recall for whom he was employed, but added he acquired the job through some friend of his father's. He did not recall the friend's name or address. His job had something to do with hardware work such as handling tools like, "putting things on windows, locks." Sometime after 1928, he stated he was employed and had an interest in the Richard Mirror Company, also known as the Richard Mirror Works. They were located somewhere on Green Street, Manhattan.

The subject stated he later worked for the Lansky Food Corporation, whose address was about 500 Broad Street, next to Haines Department Store, Newark, New Jersey.

Records reflect that in about May, 1942, the subject stated his present job was that of Vice President of the Krieg S. Pector and Citron Company at 727 Monroe Street, Hoboken, New Jersey. He indicated he had spent seven years at this type of work, which he began in 1934. His duties of this position consisted of looking after operation of sales and the employment situation.

These records reflect that the subject stated that he had had four years experience as a machinist an lathe and shaper or drill press from 1917 ending in 1921.

Records also reflect that about July, 1942, the subject stated he was employed as a manager of a dog racing track. It is further noted in July, 1942,

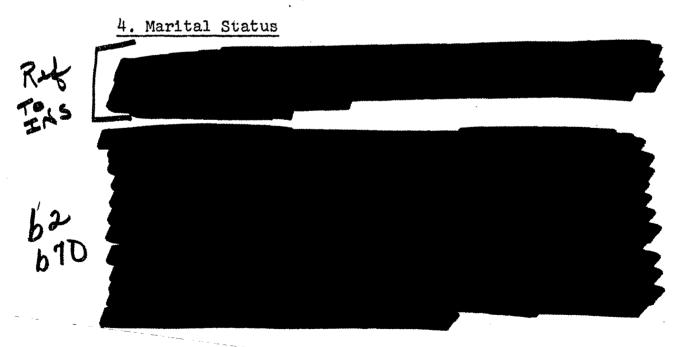


the subject stated he was connected with the Dodge Kennel Club, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The records reflect that in November, 1943, the subject may have been connected with the Manhattan Simplex Distributing Company, Inc., the distributors of Wurlitzer Automatic Phonographs, 525 West 43rd Street, New York City.

The subject, in examination before AUSA SWEET, in 1953, stated he at one time had been employed by Embee Distributing Company.

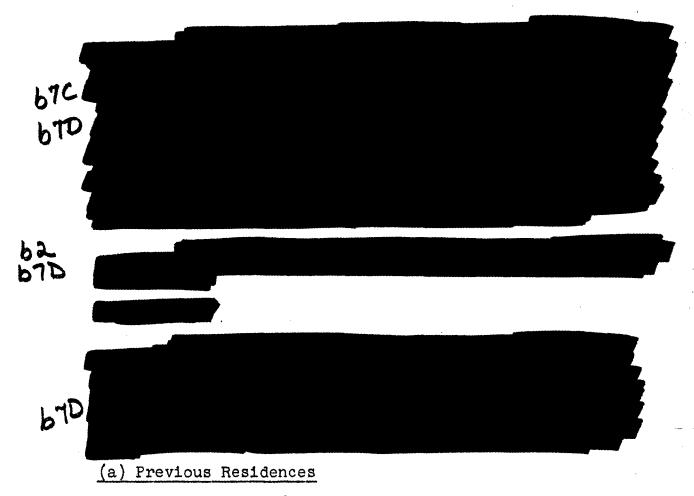
During the examination, the subject referred to his Social Security Card number 109-03-8534, which reflected it was issued on December 17, 1936. On the back of this card was typewritten, Lansky Food Corporation, 100 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, which subject stated was where he once lived.





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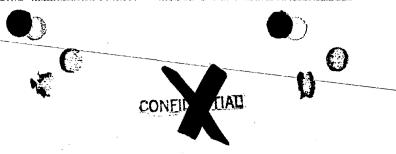
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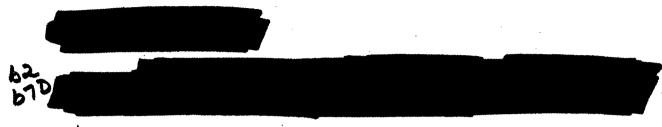


Post Office Box 1036 Hollywood, Florida

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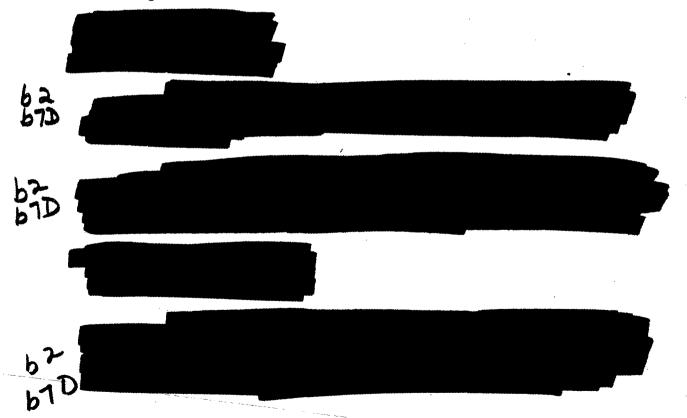




745 Hollywood Boulevard Hollywood, Florida



When subject was examined in 1953 by AUSA SWEET, he furnished the above as his residence, plus Post Office Box 1036.

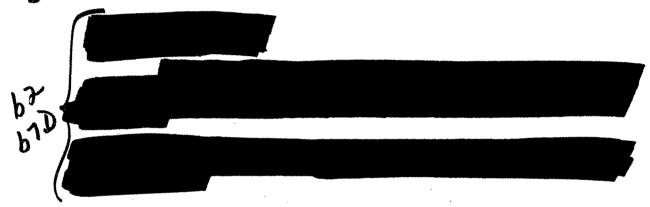




211 Central Park West Apartment 19J New York City

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Records reflect that as of November 11, 1943, the subject changed his address from 411 West End Avenue to 211 Central Park West.



100 Beacon Street Boston, Massachusetts

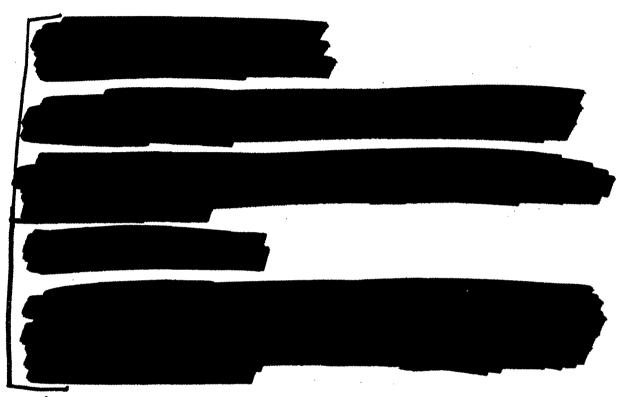
The subject, when examined in 1953 by AUSA SWEET, stated that in December, 1936, he resided at the above address. He had moved to Boston from New York because he had a Cerebral Palsy son and moved there to get treatment for him.

99th Street and Broadway Northeast Corner New York City

The subject, when examined in 1953 by AUSA SWEET, stated that he had lived at the above address for about two years before moving to Boston. He lived in an apartment in the building located on the northeast corner.



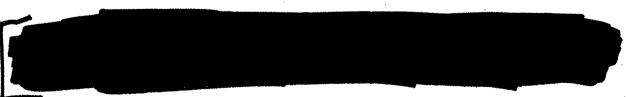
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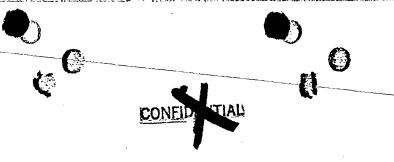
6 Columbia Street New York City

The subject, when examined in 1953 by AUSA SWEET, advised that sometime around 1921 or 1922, he resided somewhere on Grand Street, New York City. From the Grand Street address, the subject and his family moved to some address on Columbia Street, on the lower east side of New York.

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(b.) Children

The records of reflect that as of July, 1952, the subject listed the following as his children:

BANJAMIN LANSKY, son, born 1930;

PAUL LANSKY, son, born 1932;

SANDRA L. LANSKY, daughter, born 1937.





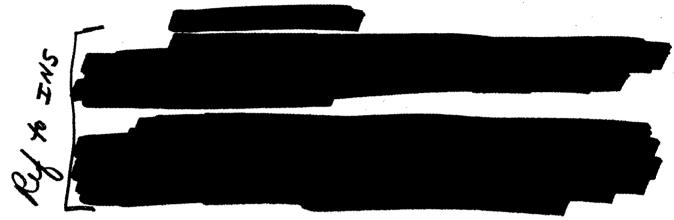


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C. ASSOCIATES

When the subject was examined in 1953 by AUSA SWEET, he identified the following as then being friends or close associates:

BUGSY SIEGEL JOE ADONIS FRANK ERICSON FRANK COSTELLO LONGIE ZWILLMAN.

He further stated that he had seen the following men within the last two years (1952 and 1953) but stated that he had no "dealings" with them in the past two years:

FRANK COSTELLO JOE ADONIS FRANK ERICSON LONGIE ZWILLMAN.

It is noted that BUGSY SIEGEL is now deceased.

ERICSON and COSTELLO are Top Hoods of the New York Office and LONGIE ZWILLMAN is a New Jersey racketeer and Top Hoodlum.

ADONIS is a deported hoodlum now in Italy.





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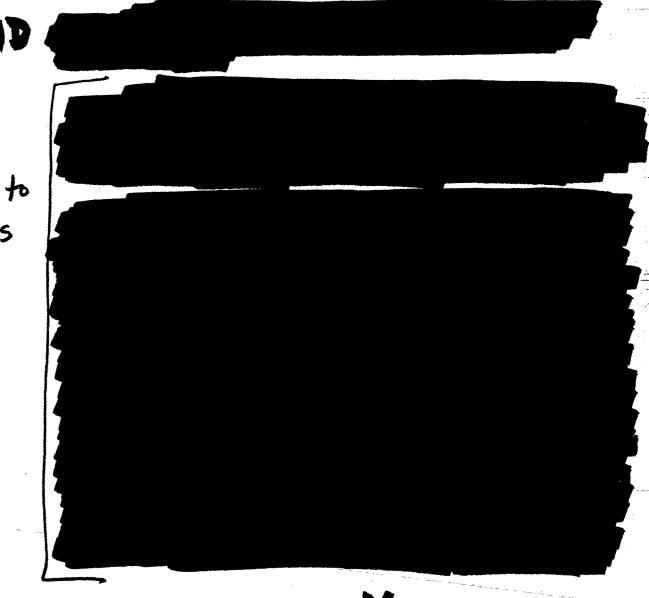
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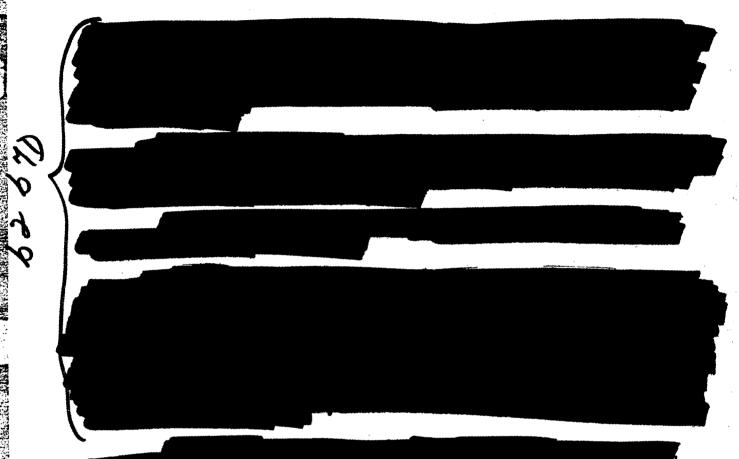


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advised on January 23, 1958, their records contain no information of MEYER LANSKY having been issued a gambling license or work permit He stated he had received information from an unrecalled source that the LANSKYS had an undisclosed interest in the Thunderbird Hotel, but knew of no other interests or properties owned by these individuals in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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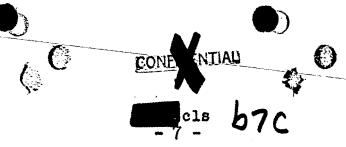
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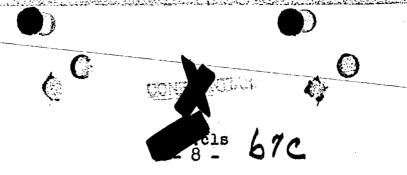
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	Credit Bureau Las
	Vegas, Nevaga. Clark County Tax Assessir's Office,
	Las Vegas, Nevada.
	advised during January, 1958, that they know of no gambling interest presently held by the subject
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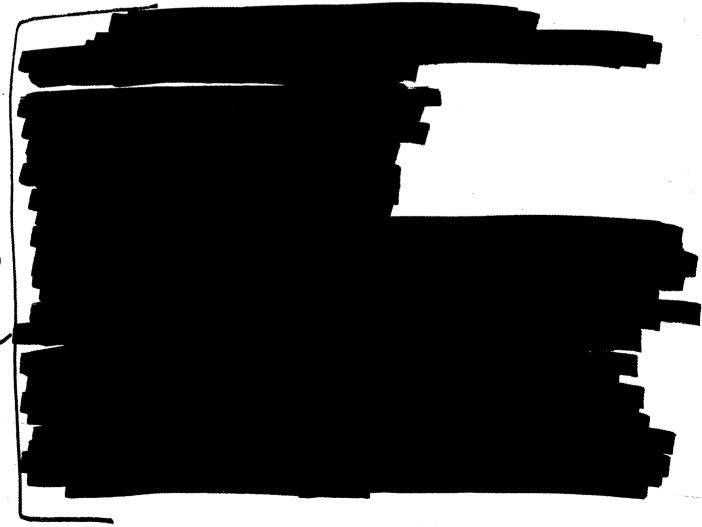
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Records of reflect in 1942 that the subject had an interest in the above two organizations.

When subject was examined in 1953 by Assistant United States Attorney SWEET, subject stated he purchased stock in the above two corporations around 1936. He had 25 per cent in them. These corporations own three pieces of property at 922 Lexington Avenue, one at Lexington Avenue and 73rd Street and a third at Madison Avenue and 73rd Street. The subject stated these properties were ultimately sold.



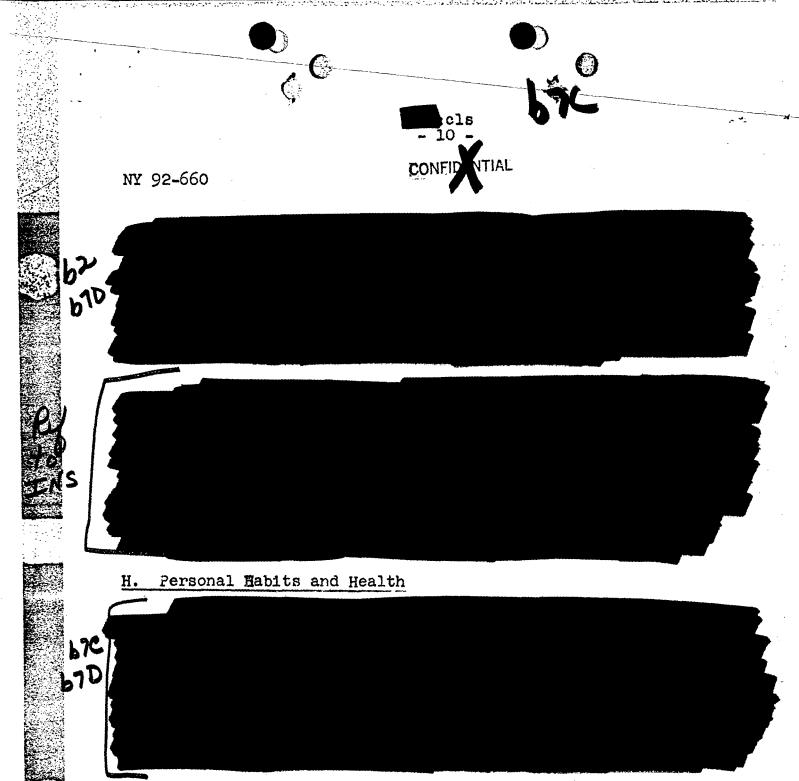




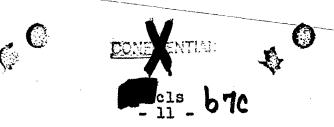


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The United States Attorney's file on subject reflected a letter dated July 14, 1953, from subject's attorney, MOSES POLAKOFF, which stated that the subject was then seriously ill and had been so for the past four weeks, suffering from a severe attack of diabetes and a kidney infection, which will require careful treatment for at least a month.



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I. Miscellaneous

attorney for the past several years has been MOSEF POLAKOFF, 475 5th Avenue, phone LE 2-6600.

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In view of subject's background and former arrests for homicide, he should be considered dangerous.

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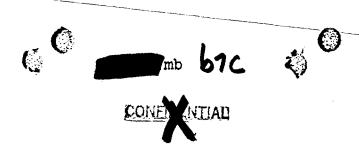






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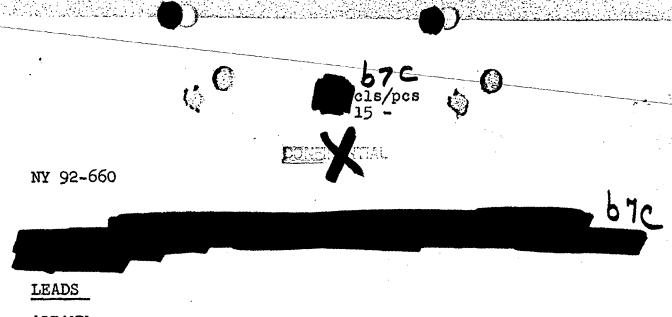
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Future Plans

The subject travels a great deal between New York,
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leaving and arriving at both New York airports. it is not
feasible to try to arrange



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ALBANY

At Albany, New York

Will contact proper Probation or Parole Department and determine if subject was placed on probation. If positive, will review such record and furnish NYO with pertinent information.

Will specifically check with sentencing judge or appropriate record of New York State Supreme Court to determine if there was any pre-sentence investigation conducted. Will locate such and obtain Photostat copy of same and furnish to NYO. If copy not available, will review and extract all background information on subject and all immediate relatives.



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At Boston, Massachusetts

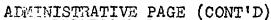
Will determine if there is special hospital or organization in that area for treatment of Cerebral Palsy.

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At-Miami, Florida

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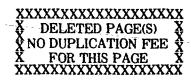


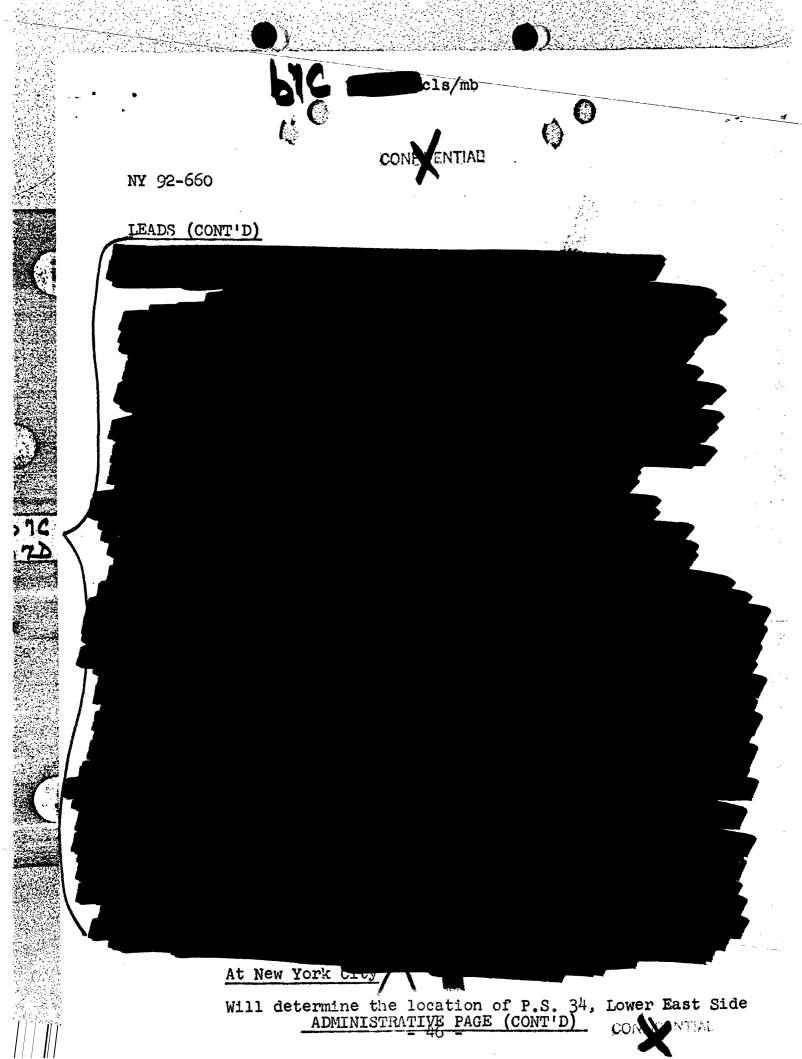




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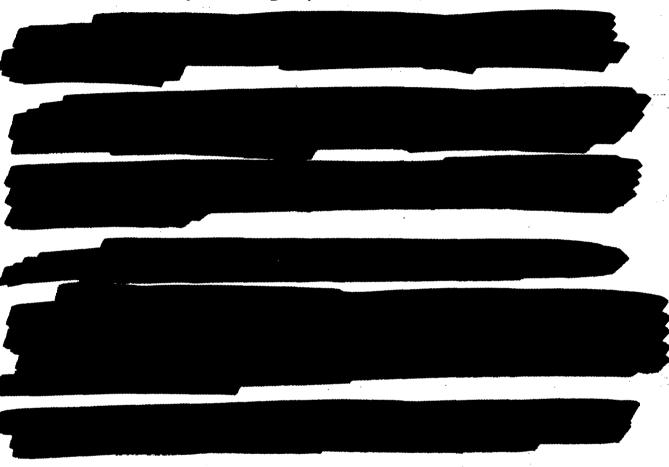
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and review subject's school records, obtaining pertinent information. Subject allegedly attended here around 1916-1917.



Will check the Bureau of Vital Statistics for a death record of subject's father, MAX LANSKY, who reportedly died sometime around 1940.

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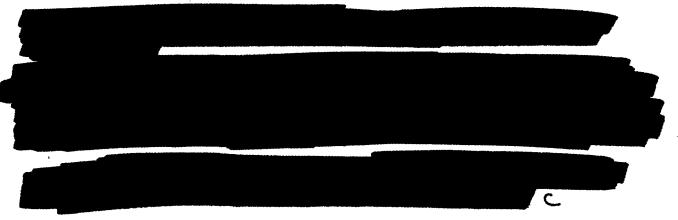


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Will check at the Hall of Records and determine the present status of Federal Tax Lien Number F1063, registered against the subject in 1953.

Will check the Marriage License records and verify the subject's marriage to THELMA TEDDY SCHWARTZ in around June, 1949.



Will, per Bureau request, submit disposition sheets reflecting the arrest of subject not reflected on his Identification

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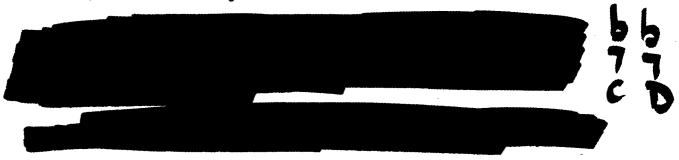


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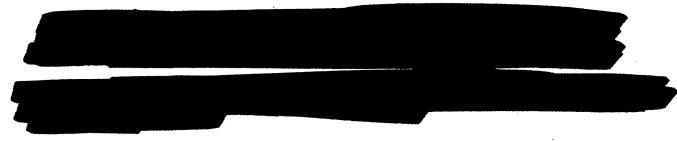


Will attempt to obtain known handwriting samples of the subject.

At Brooklyn, New York

Will, at USDC, review the Court Records pertaining to subject's naturalization and verify each step taken. It is to be noted he was naturalized on 9/7/28, Certificate No. 2517814.

Will check marriage certificate number 6697, verifying subject's marriage to ANNA CITRON on 5/9/29.



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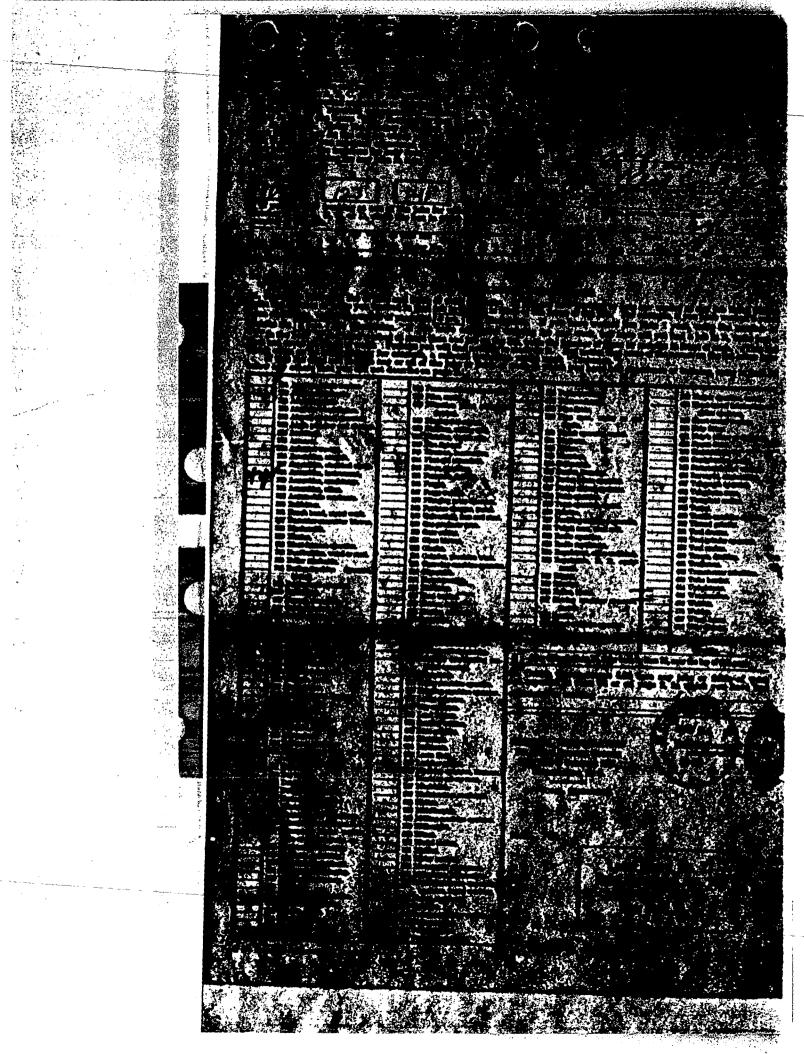
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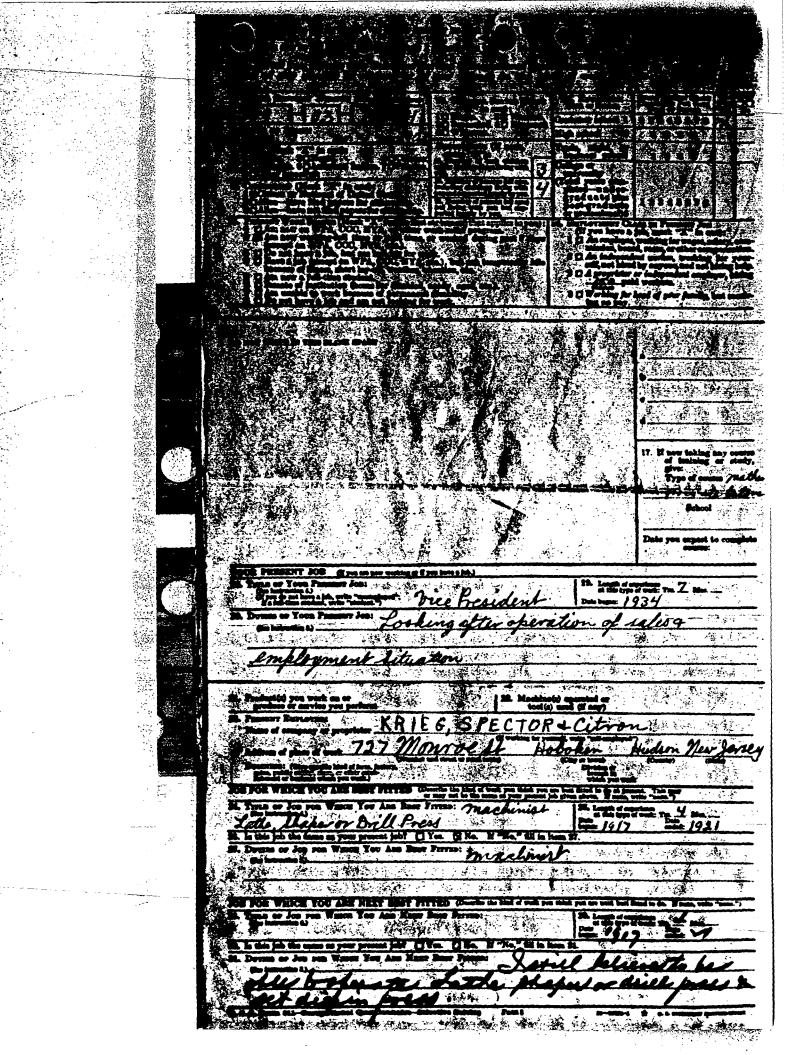
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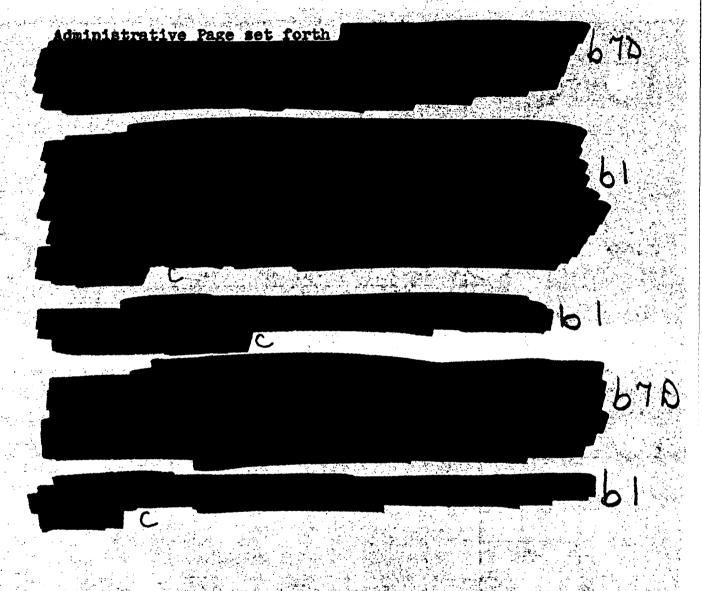
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Information has been received that LANSKY spends a lot of his time in Havana, Cuba, and travels a great deal to Florida and New York via airplane.

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It has been reported by New York newspapers that LANSKY has at least temporarily been barred from Cuba.



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Referenced letter furnished all field office with instructions concerning administration of the Top Hoodlum Program. All offices were instructed to forward photographs of top hoodlums to the New York Office. Since that time, the New York Office has been forwarding copies of photographs of top hoodlums.

The purpose of this memorandum is to channelize photographs of top hoodlums submitted by the New York Office into the individual case files. The photographs will be detached from the New York airtel and filed in the individual case files under cover of a copy of this memorandum without indexing.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that approval be granted for preparation of 250 copies of this memorandum to be used in filing photographs of top hoodlums.

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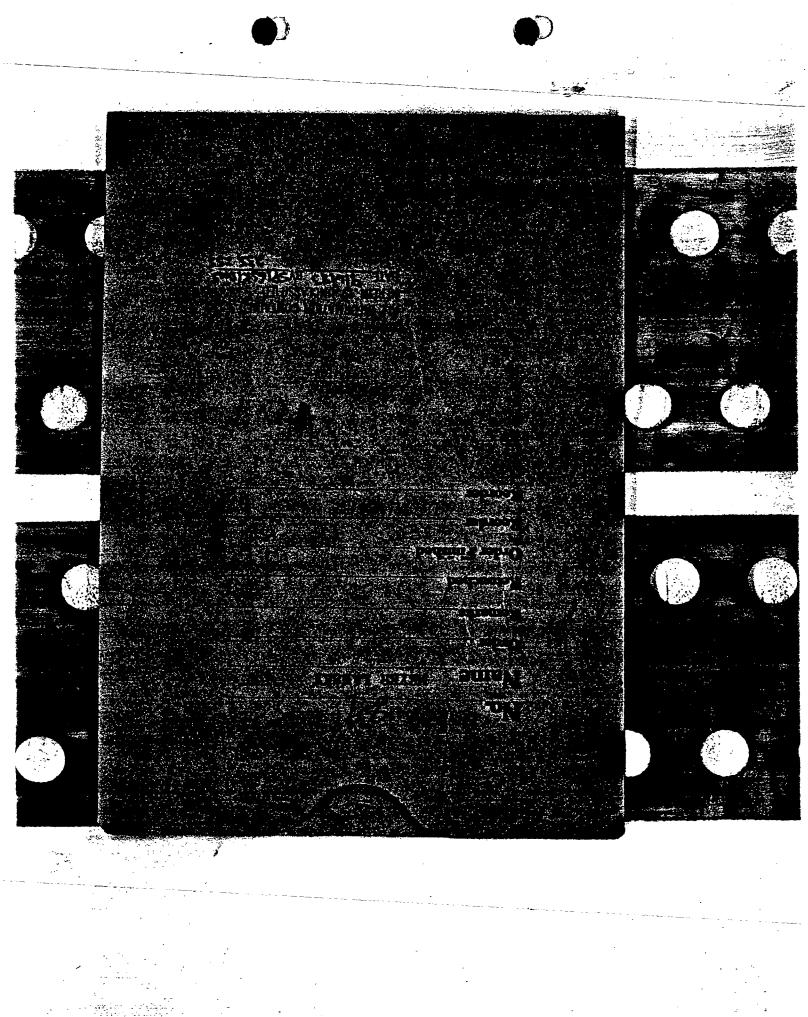
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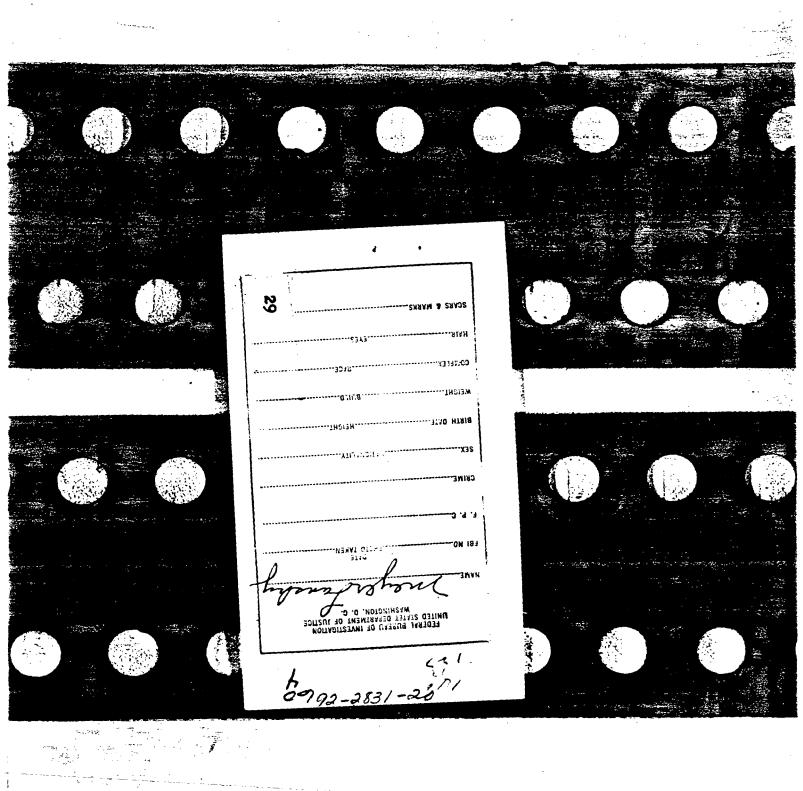
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